

**REPORT OF THE AUDIT OF THE
BARREN COUNTY
SHERIFF**

**For The Year Ended
December 31, 2004**



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
AUDIT EXAMINATION OF THE
BARREN COUNTY SHERIFF

For The Year Ended
December 31, 2004

The Auditor of Public Accounts has completed the Barren County Sheriff's audit for the year ended December 31, 2004. Based upon the audit work performed, the financial statement presents fairly, in all material respects, the revenues, expenditures, and excess fees in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting.

Financial Condition:

Excess fees increased by \$33,105 from the prior year, resulting in excess fees of \$842,487 as of December 31, 2004. Revenues increased by \$34,547 from the prior year and expenditures increased by \$1,442.

Report Comment:

- Lacks Adequate Segregation of Duties

Deposits:

The Sheriff's deposits were insured and collateralized by bank securities.

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CRIT LUALLEN
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The Honorable Davie Greer, Barren County Judge/Executive
Honorable Barney Jones, Barren County Sheriff
Members of the Barren County Fiscal Court

Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying statement of revenues, expenditures, and excess fees - regulatory basis of the County Sheriff of Barren County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 2004. This financial statement is the responsibility of the County Sheriff. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for County Fee Officials issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, the County Sheriff's office prepares the financial statement on a regulatory basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the revenues, expenditures, and excess fees of the County Sheriff for the year ended December 31, 2004, in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated April 18, 2005, on our consideration of the County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Based on the results of our audit, we have presented the accompanying comment and recommendation, included herein, which discusses the following report comment:

- Lacks Adequate Segregation of Duties



The Honorable Davie Greer, Barren County Judge/Executive
Honorable Barney Jones, Barren County Sheriff
Members of the Barren County Fiscal Court

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the County Sheriff and Fiscal Court of Barren County, Kentucky, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these interested parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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Crit Luallen
Auditor of Public Accounts

Audit fieldwork completed -
April 18, 2005

BARREN COUNTY
 BARNEY JONES, COUNTY SHERIFF
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND EXCESS FEES - REGULATORY BASIS

For The Year Ended December 31, 2004

Revenues

Federal Receipts:

Corps of Engineers	\$	23,737
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State Fees For Services:

Fee Claims	\$ 82,642	
Sheriff Security Service (HB 452)	43,262	125,904

Circuit Court Clerk:

Fines and Fees Collected	\$ 3,347	
Court Ordered Payments	655	4,002

County Clerk - Delinquent Taxes		2,655
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Commission On Taxes Collected		529,724
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Fees Collected For Services:

Auto Inspections	\$ 20,820	
Accident/Police Reports	930	
Serving Papers	59,138	
Add-On Fees	66,779	147,667

Other:

Carrying Concealed Deadly Weapons Permits	\$ 9,555	
Advertising Fees	3,653	
Arrest Fees - Other Counties	280	
Refund of Bond Premium	254	
Miscellaneous	161	13,903

Interest Earned		1,290
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Total Revenues	\$	848,882
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

BARREN COUNTY
BARNEY JONES, COUNTY SHERIFF
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND EXCESS FEES - REGULATORY BASIS
For The Year Ended December 31, 2004
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Expenditures

Operating Expenditures:

Carrying Concealed Deadly Weapons Permits	\$	6,395
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Excess Fees Due County for 2004	\$	842,487
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Payments To County Treasurer -

Monthly	\$	841,954	
April 13, 2005		<u>533</u>	<u>842,487</u>

Balance Due Fiscal Court at Completion of Audit	\$	<u><u>0</u></u>
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BARREN COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

December 31, 2004

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Fund Accounting

A fee official uses a fund to report on the results of operations. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

A fee official uses a fund for fees to account for activities for which the government desires periodic determination of the excess of revenues over expenditures to facilitate management control, accountability, and compliance with laws.

B. Basis of Accounting

KRS 64.820 directs the fiscal court to collect any amount, including excess fees, due from the County Sheriff as determined by the audit. KRS 134.310 requires the County Sheriff to settle excess fees with the fiscal court at the time he files his final settlement with the fiscal court.

The financial statement has been prepared on a regulatory basis of accounting, which demonstrates compliance with the laws of Kentucky and is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Under this regulatory basis of accounting revenues and expenditures are generally recognized when cash is received or disbursed with the exception of accrual of the following items (not all-inclusive) at December 31 that may be included in the excess fees calculation:

- Interest receivable
- Collection on accounts due from others for 2004 services
- Reimbursements for 2004 activities
- Tax commissions due from December tax collections
- Payments due other governmental entities for payroll
- Payments due vendors for goods or services provided in 2004

The measurement focus of a fee official is upon excess fees.

C. Cash and Investments

At the direction of the fiscal court, KRS 66.480 authorizes the County Sheriff's office to invest in the following, including but not limited to, obligations of the United States and of its agencies and instrumentalities, obligations and contracts for future delivery or purchase of obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, obligations of any corporation of the United States government, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of this state, and certificates of deposit issued by or other interest-bearing accounts of any bank or savings and loan institution which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or which are collateralized, to the extent uninsured, by any obligation permitted by KRS 41.240(4).

BARREN COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
December 31, 2004
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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

D. Fee Pooling

The Barren County Fiscal Court approved a fee pooling system for the Sheriff. Under the fee pooling system, revenues net of direct expenses of the Sheriff's office are paid to the County Treasurer the subsequent month. Therefore, the county pays expenses of the Sheriff's office.

Note 2. Employee Retirement System

The county officials and employees have elected to participate in the County Employees Retirement System (CERS), pursuant to KRS 78.530 administered by the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Retirement Systems. This is a multiple-employer public retirement system that covers all eligible full-time employees.

Benefit contributions and provisions are established by statute. Nonhazardous covered employees are required to contribute 5.0 percent of their salary to the plan. The county's contribution rate for nonhazardous employees was 7.34 percent for the first six months of the year and 8.48 percent for the last six months of the year. Hazardous covered employees are required to contribute 8.0 percent of their salary to the plan. The county's contribution rate for hazardous employees was 18.51 percent for the first six months of the year and 22.08 percent for the last six months of the year.

Benefits fully vest on reaching five years of service for nonhazardous employees. Aspects of benefits for nonhazardous employees include retirement after 27 years of service or age 65. Aspects of benefits for hazardous employees include retirement after 20 years of service or age 55.

Historical trend information pertaining to CERS' progress in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due is presented in the Kentucky Retirement Systems' annual financial report which is a matter of public record.

Note 3. Deposits

The Sheriff maintained deposits of public funds with depository institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). According to KRS 66.480(1)(d) and KRS 41.240(4), the depository institution should pledge or provide sufficient collateral which, together with FDIC insurance, equals or exceeds the amount of public funds on deposit at all times. In order to be valid against the FDIC in the event of failure or insolvency of the depository institution, this pledge or provision of collateral should be evidenced by an agreement between the Sheriff and the depository institution, signed by both parties, that is (a) in writing, (b) approved by the board of directors of the depository institution or its loan committee, and (c) an official record of the depository institution. These requirements were met, and as of December 31, 2004, the Sheriff's deposits were fully insured or collateralized at a 100% level with collateral of pledged securities held by the Sheriff's agent in the Sheriff's name.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
December 31, 2004
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Note 4. Drug Enforcement Fund

The Sheriff's Department was awarded funds by the court to establish a Drug Enforcement Fund during August of 1995. These funds are to be used for drug enforcement and eradication. The Drug Enforcement Fund's balance as of January 1, 2004 was \$6,253. Receipts totaled \$4,503 and expenditures were \$5,929 for 2004. The balance at December 31, 2004, of the Drug Enforcement Fund was \$4,827.

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COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION

BARREN COUNTY
BARNEY JONES, COUNTY SHERIFF
COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION

For The Year Ended December 31, 2004

INTERNAL CONTROL - REPORTABLE CONDITION AND MATERIAL WEAKNESS:

Lacks Adequate Segregation Of Duties

The Sheriff's Office has a lack of segregation of duties. Due to the entity's diversity of operations, small size and budget restrictions, the official has limited options for establishing an adequate segregation of duties. We recommend that the following compensating controls be implemented to offset this internal control weakness:

- The Sheriff should periodically compare a daily bank deposit to the daily checkout sheet and then compare the daily checkout sheet to the receipts ledger. Any differences should be reconciled. He should document this by initialing the bank deposit, daily checkout sheet and receipts ledger.
- The Sheriff should compare the quarterly financial report to the receipts and disbursements ledgers for accuracy. Any differences should be reconciled. The Sheriff should document this by initialing the quarterly financial report.
- The Sheriff should periodically compare invoices to payments. The Sheriff should document this by initialing the invoices.
- The Sheriff should periodically compare bank reconciliations to the bank balance in the checkbook. Any differences should be reconciled. The Sheriff should document this by initialing the bank reconciliation and the bank balance in the checkbook.

Sheriff's Response: None

PRIOR YEAR:

In the prior year audit it was reported that the Sheriff's office had a lack of segregation of duties. This has not been corrected, and the lack of segregation of duties has been reported as a reportable condition and a material weakness in the current year audit.

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REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND
ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL
STATEMENT PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS



C R I T L U A L L E N
A U D I T O R O F P U B L I C A C C O U N T S

The Honorable Davie Greer, Barren County Judge/Executive
Honorable Barney Jones, Barren County Sheriff
Members of the Barren County Fiscal Court

Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting And
On Compliance And Other Matters Based On An Audit Of The Financial
Statement Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

We have audited the statement of revenues, expenditures, and excess fees - regulatory basis of the Barren County Sheriff for the year ended December 31, 2004, and have issued our report thereon dated April 18, 2005. The County Sheriff's financial statement is prepared in accordance with a basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Barren County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we noted a certain matter involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be a reportable condition. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the entity's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statement. A reportable condition is described in the accompanying comment and recommendation.

- Lacks Adequate Segregation of Duties

A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statement being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we consider the reportable condition described above to be a material weakness.



Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting And
On Compliance And Other Matters Based On An Audit Of The Financial
Statement Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards
(Continued)

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Barren County Sheriff's financial statement is free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and the Kentucky Governor's Office for Local Development and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than the specified parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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April 18, 2005

